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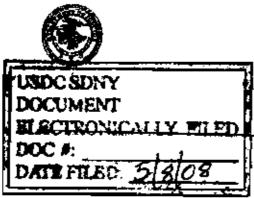
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<u>VIA FACSIMILE</u>

The Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

TEO STATES SIGN

Re: United States v. Gabriel Negron & Jonathan Mendez, 07 Cr. 1130 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

I spoke today with Sabrina Shroff, Esq., counsel to Gabriel Negron, and William Stampur, Esq., counsel to Jonathan Mendez, who requested that the status conference in the above-captioned matter be adjourned. Ms. Shroff further informed me that the next status conference is now scheduled for June 4, 2008, at 2 p.m.

The Government respectfully requests that the Court exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act from today until the next conference date. The ends of justice served by the continuance outweigh the interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial because the continuance will allow the parties to continue their discussions about a possible disposition of the

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Both Ms. Shroff and Mr. Stampur consented to the request for adjournment and the request to exclude time under the Speedy Trial Act until June 4, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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